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who is Dr. Murphy?

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Specifically, Val told me she manages a \$2 million research budget.
That's exactly, um, \$2 million more than we have to support scientific research.

To date, the Water Contractors have been funding research that apparently has no regard in the world of peer reviewed science.
They are paying scientists to publish discredited papers in marginal journals, and then complaining that nobody pays attention to them.

Why don't they use their impressive budget to fund desperately needed research that could help advance our understanding of complex issues, and contribute to the resolution of vexing problems? They could be the center of attention at scientific forums rather than frustrated observers. I would have happily recommended that we invite Dr. Murphy to participate in the workshop, but I had no idea he was interested and following the email correspondence.

One immediate place that needs funding regards research on MeHg in wetlands. In the comments I submitted yesterday on BDCP Conservation Measure #12, I recommended new investment in research

that would help us actually decrease the quantities of bioavailable mercury, rather than the current methodologies that are either infeasible, or just move Hg back and forth across the air and water interface without actually addressing the burden in the Delta. Yet the important work by USGS is being done on a shoestring, and may disappear altogether once the RARE funds from EPA are exhausted.

There may also be important research ideas that arise from our workshop last week on estuarine habitat. They are obviously interested in this topic, and they could really contribute to advancements on how we can improve protection for beneficial uses while minimizing the water costs.

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We'll talk Monday about our participation. At yesterday's workshop, my group spoke of the value of "special studies" that could gather biological data to tie to their more advanced physical models. And Val spoke with Tim and Bruce about increased collaboration on science. Perhaps this is a forum to promote those two concepts.

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Please see the attachments. Jonas Minton and others – including Delta interest and MWD – are initiating facilitated discussion to try to move ahead with specific projects that have broad support and may provide various benefits. Participation of EPA and USACE very much desired. Meeting information is below. I intend to discuss this at our meeting with the state Wednesday morning.

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Subject: LOCATION CHANGE FOR APRIL 4 COALITION TO SUPPORT DELTA PROJECTS - 1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento

Hello:

Thank you for RSVPing for the upcoming meeting of the Coalition to Support Delta Projects. PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE TO THE CSAC CONFERENCE CENTER, 1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento. We are getting a very positive response from a robust representation of water agencies, Delta interests, environmentalists, and regulators. See list of RSVPs at the end of the above attachment.

Wednesday, April 4

10 am – Noon

CSAC Conference Center

1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento

Attached are the agenda and meeting handouts for April 4. Please review these materials prior to the meeting.

Since Wednesdays seem to work for most folks, let's consider meeting either the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of each month. Please check to see if these dates work for you and bring your calendar to the April 4 meeting so we can make a decision. Since we will only be meeting 6 times, let's also consider meeting from 1 pm – 5 pm on the meeting days.

If your schedule changes for April 4, please let me know so we know how many people to expect.

Sincerely,

Jonas Minton

----- Message from Jonas Minton <jminton@pcl.org> on Tue, 21 Feb 2012 15:13:17 -0500 -----

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Subject: Delta Projects that We Can Support Meeting

The very diverse individuals below are inviting you to the first of six public meetings over six months to develop a list of specific projects in the Bay Delta that can be broadly supported. The first meeting will be from 10 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at the Center for Collaborative Policy, 815 S Street (on S street, between 8th and 9th streets), Sacramento. Details on the purpose and process for this collaborative effort are on the attachment to this email.

Please let us know by replying to this email if you will be able to attend so we can know how many to expect. Note: to avoid clogging everyone's inbox, there is no need to hit Reply to All. Just hit Reply. Also, this is an open process so please share the invitation with others who may have an interest.

Sincerely,

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